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### The 1969 Yenko Camaro Specifications

Wheelbase, inches: 108.1

Weight, lbs: 3,500

Number built: 201

Price: \$4,500

### Standard Engine

Type: ohv V-8

Displacement, cid: 427

Fuel system: 1 x 4bbl.

Compression ratio: 11.0:1

Horsepower @ rpm: 425 @ 5600

Torque @ rpm: 460 @ 4000

### Representative Performance

0-60 mph, sec: 5.4

1/4 mile, sec. @ mph: 13.5 @ 105

### Yenko Camaro History

Donald Yenko (May 27, 1927 – March 5, 1987), also known as Don Yenko, was a race car driver who was best known for creating a high performance version of the Chevrolet Camaro known as the Yenko Camaro.

In 1957, Yenko set up a performance shop for Chevrolet vehicles. The customers can either order high performance parts or they can have their car modified by Yenko's mechanics. In 1967, when Chevrolet began selling the Camaro, Yenko began to modify SS Camaros by replacing the original L-78 396 in³ (6.4 L) engine with a Chevrolet Corvette's L-72 427 in³ (7.0 L) and upgrade the rear axle and suspensions. He also modified other Chevrolet vehicles like Chevelle and Nova by fitting them with L-72 engines.

In 1970s saw the decline in muscle cars due to higher insurance premium and tighter emission rules, Yenko began to modify Chevrolet Vega with spoiler, turbocharger and design graphics. Due to difficulties with EPA certification, he only sold the modified Vega without a turbocharger. Instead, the turbocharger sold separately at Yenko dealership. In 1972 Yenko stopped selling modified cars and began publishing a performance parts catalog from cosmetic modification to engine modification. One of his notable product was the ZL-1 engine and he produced them under permission from Chevrolet. In 1981, Yenko made his last modification, the Turbo Z Camaro. He added a turbocharger to 350 in³ (5.7 L) engine. In 1982 He sold Yenko Chevrolet dealership which had been family owned since 1934. In 1987, he died in a plane crash, along with 3 of his passengers, while on final approach to an airport near Charleston, West Virginia. Yenko landed hard with his Cessna 210M causing him to lose control and dove into a ravine and crashed.

The Yenko Super Camaro was a modified Chevrolet Camaro prepared by Yenko Chevrolet, under the command of Don Yenko. The originals were all first-generation Camaros. When the Camaro debuted, a General Motors corporate edict prevented it from carrying an engine larger than 400 in³ (6.6 L); this put the Camaro at a serious disadvantage to the Ford Mustang and Plymouth Barracuda, since neither Ford nor Plymouth had a such a limit. Don Yenko, however, knew

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there was a market for an ultra powerful Camaro and found ways around the GM limit.

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Yenko ordered L-78 equipped SS Camaros and swapped in the Chevrolet Corvette's L-72 427 in<sup>3</sup> (7.0 L) engine. The cars came with a 4.10 rear end and heavy-duty suspension. The exact number of cars produced is not known; most estimates are around 50. Yenko also installed a fiberglass replacement hood similar to the "Stinger" hood featured on 1967 big-block Corvettes.

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Encouraged by the success of the 1967 model, Yenko continued production. All cars came equipped with the M-21 close-ratio four speed manual transmission. A large, twin-scooped hood replaced the "Stinger," hood and Yenko badges graced the sides and tail light plate.

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For 1969, the dealership worked with Chevrolet to have the L-72 engines installed on the factory assembly line using a Central Office Production Order, or COPO. The orders included power disc brakes, a 4.10 Positraction rear end, a stronger front stabilizer bar, and a heavy-duty 4-core aluminum radiator. Buyers of the car had the option of either the Muncie M-21 or 22 four speed manual transmission or the Turbo Hydramatic 400 automatic transmission. A total of 201 cars were sold in 1969, 171 with four speed transmissions and 30 with automatic transmissions. Yenko rounded out the visual package with front and rear spoilers, a cowl-induction hood, special "427" badges on the cowl (2) and back panel (1), twin stripes down the flanks and hood, and the sYc (Yenko Super Car) badges on the sides (2), and on the back panel(1) and sYc lettering on the headrests and cowl.



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